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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OPENS

THE EIGHTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OPENED NOVEMBER 19 IN ADDIS ABABA WITH THE ADMISSION OF GUINEA-BISSAU TO THE OAU. EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE'S WELCOMING ADDRESS WAS INTERPRETED BY SOME AS UNUSUALLY MILITANT FOR HIM. HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR "MORE POTENT" SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGIMES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF UPHOLDING THE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES. EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA HAS LEARNED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT THE DRAFTING OF RESOLUTIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICAN LIBERATION, AND "PORTUGUESE AGGRESSION" AGAINST GUINEA-BISSAU HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO A COMMITTEE OF TWELVE, INCLUDING ALGERIA AND EGYPT. (CONFIDENTIAL) ADDIS ABABA 13106, 11/20.

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2. FRANCE SEEKS POLITICAL COORDINATION WITH EC PARTNERS

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ELYSEE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL BERNARD HAS INFORMED

EMBASSY PARIS THAT THE BASIC CONSIDERATION UNDERLYING

POMPIDOU'S RECENT CALL FOR REGULAR EC SUMMIT MEETINGS IS A STRONG DESIRE BY FRANCE TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL COORDINATION WITH ITS EC PARTNERS OUTSIDE EXISTING EC ORGANS. POMPIDOU'S THOUGHT IS THAT IF THE HEADS OF STATE COULD MEET WITHOUT AN AGENDA OR POSITION PAPERS, THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO REACH THE KIND OF AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL POLICY ISSUES WHICH HAVE ELUDED THE COMMUNITY IN THE PAST. BERNARD CONCEDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE REAL MEANING POMPIDOU'S INITIATIVE IS AN EC SHIFT OF FOCUS FROM THE ECONOMIC TO THE POLITICAL ARENA, AND WHAT POMPIDOU IS TRYING TO ACHIEVE IS NOTHING LESS THAN A COMMON EUROPEAN FOREIGN POLICY. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 29814, 11/19.

3. GREECE: FUTURE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN DOUBT

EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS IN GREECE HAVE PLACED FUTURE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN DOUBT, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY ATHENS. THE PUBLIC PROMINENCE OF THE ARMY AS THE CENTRAL ELEMENT IN THE SUPPORT OF THE REGIME HAS CAUSED ANXIETY AMONG THOSE WHO FEAR THAT ITS PRESENCE WILL FORESTALL REAL POLITICAL EVOLUTION. TO THE DEGREE THAT THE PUBLIC LINKS THE OLD POLITICAL LEADERS WITH VIOLENCE, THEIR POSITION OF MORAL LEADERSHIP WOULD APPEAR TO BE SERIOUSLY UNDERCUT. PRIME MINISTER MARKEZINIS MAY BE ABLE TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL WORLD NOW THAT THE OLD POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE BEEN DISCREDITED, BUT HIS ROOM FOR MANUEVER HAS BEEN REDUCED. (SECRET) ATHENS 8078, 11/19. KISSINGER

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